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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed June 29, 2006, the Applicants hereby elect species I, shown in Figures 1 and 2. Further, claims 1-4 read on the elected species. It is also noted that claims 1, 2 and 4 are generic claims and a number of non-elected claims depend therefrom.

Additionally, submitted herewith is a replacement Figure 15 labeled "Prior Art" as required in the Office Action. No new matter has been added by this revision to Figure 15.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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